

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H.3201**

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TO:	The Honorable Ronald P. Townsend, Chairman, House Education and Public Works Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
ANALYSTS:	Harry Bell		
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SUBJECT:	Palmetto Achievement Challenge Test (PACT)		

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES IS:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

House Bill 3201 requires the Palmetto Achievement Challenge Test be administered annually on the third Thursday in May.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The State Department of Education (SDE) indicates enactment of this Bill would have no direct fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other funds.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

None.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

SDE indicates moving administration of the PACT test to a later date may not give contactors sufficient time to score and return tests so the State can meet deadlines required under the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. SDE states non-compliance with the NCLB may jeopardize receipt of federal Title I funds. In addition, SDE notes that the test is not administered on a single day.

Approved by:



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